Steps to Improve the Functioning of Army Administration

386. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that gross discontentment exists among various ranks of army personnel regarding their career prospects due to supersession of Army officers and for certain other reasons ;

(b) whether Government have at any time examined the various grievances of the Army personnel with regard to their service career by any independent authority ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the measures taken by Government to improve the situation ; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to appoint any independent expert authority to go into the various aspect of deficiencies of management in the various wings of the Indian Army for the purposes of recommending an efficient structure of the officers cadres to remove the grievances of the Army Personnel ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Government do not have any information to suggest that there is any discontentment among Army personnel regarding their career prospects.

(b) and (c) As model employers, Government periodically review the service conditions and career prospects of all their employees and make such improvements therein as are considered necessary. Cadre Reviews are a part of such exercises.

(d) In view of answer to (b) and (c), this does not arise.

Fire in Kirkee Ordnance Factory

387. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the fire in Kirkee Ordnance Factory, Pune on 8th April, 1992 ; if so, at what level ; and

(b) what are the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. Enquiry has been conducted by a Board of Inquiry consisting of seven Senior Officers, headed by the Controller of Quality Assurance (Military Explosives).

(b) The findings of the Board of Inquiry along with the comments of Ordnance Factory Board, are under consideration of the Government.

Cost over run in the production of T-72 Tanks

388. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what follow-up action has been taken by Government on the report of C & AG regarding cost over run in the production and induction of T-72 tanks, indigenously produced by Ordnance Factory ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : All efforts are being made to complete the Project within the sanctioned amount of investment, despite increase in costs of machines, both imported and indigenous, by way of intense review and study of processes and keeping requirements of plant and Machinery to the bare minimum.

IAF Plane crash in Arunachal Pradesh

389. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an IAF AN-32 plane crashed near Nayapin (Palin), Lower Subansiri